



Co Head Teacher News

Today has been a first for me as I carried out an assembly with Key Stage 2 based on the pictures on my dress!

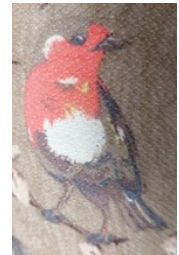
The theme I am taking during this academic year is the wonder of nature in the British Isles. We played 20 questions in order to establish the bird I was thinking about – it took only 11 questions to guess the answer. I was thinking about a robin and we had some time to think about how seeing and hearing a robin usually makes us smile. We will carry on by discussing the more common birds we may find in our gardens and the environment around Calton, perhaps you could do the same at home so we have lots to talk about?

If you would like to play 20 questions at home it is a really fun way of gaining facts about things – you start off by saying if the thing you are thinking about is either an animal, vegetable or mineral and then questions are asked where the answer can only be yes or no until you have worked out the answer (if my instructions aren't clear enough you can always Google for more information!).


I will be setting more challenges and activities over the weeks to come.
Happy bird spotting!

Sarah Bunce

Sarah Bunce & Jane Barker-Doe, Co Head Teachers



Calton Playgroup News

 Giving children the resources and freedom to be creative is so important. As practitioners we step back and follow the lead/interest of the child. Some of the most beautiful works of art come from having the freedom to be creative and most importantly having fun. Children's creativity is magical. We have been helping the children to explore and manage their emotions. We have used books to give the opportunity to explore issues, we have read Owl Babies and used props to help. They have learnt through role play and small world play how to express feelings. We have been helping the children to explore and manage their emotions.

This week's rhyme is: Chop, chop, choppity chop. Cut off the bottom and cut off the top. What there is left, we put in the pot. Chop, chop, choppity chop.

The children have loved this rhyme and recited it so quickly, complete with actions. Why not ask them to sing it with you!

I'd like to share with you my news, it has been a tough decision to make but I will be retiring from my position as Playgroup Manager here at Calton. I have been here for 36 years and my last day will be 17th December 2021. I wanted to take a moment to let you know how much I've enjoyed my time here - and you've all played a part in that. It's been great working with you and getting to know you all.

"Work doesn't feel like work when you love what you do every day."

Have a lovely weekend enjoy the worm days (this is what we call rainy ☁ days at playgroup-good weather for looking for worms) 😊

Jackie Swankie, Playgroup Manager



Key dates for your diaries



14th October	Y3 Ruby Class visit St Mary de Crypt Church
15th October	Y6 Mercury Class assembly, 9.30am
18th October	Y4 visit Cadbury World
19th October	Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 5.30pm
20th October	Parent Consultations, 3.30 - 6.30pm
21st October	Y3 Sapphire & Emerald Classes visit St Mary de Crypt Church
22nd October	Y6 Platinum Class assembly, 9.30am
22nd October	End of term 1
1st November	Start of term 2
2nd November	Y2 Magenta Class visit Skill Zone
3rd November	Y2 Indigo Class visit Skill Zone
4th November	Y2 Turquoise Class visit Skill Zone
5th November	Y6 Titanium Class assembly, 9.30am
10th November	Individual Pupil & Playgroup Photographs
12th November	Y2 Magenta Class assembly, 9.30am
17th, 18th, 19th November	Flu vaccination at school for all pupils (school nurses)
19th November	Y2 Turquoise Class assembly, 9.30am
26th November	Y2 Indigo Class assembly, 9.30am
17th December	End of term 2
4th January 2022	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
5th January	Start of term 3
14th January	Y5 Zinc Class assembly, 9.30am
21st January	Y5 Copper Class assembly, 9.30am
28th January	Y5 Iron Class assembly, 9.30am
4th February	Y3 Sapphire Class assembly, 9.30am
11th February	Y3 Ruby Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	Y3 Emerald Class assembly, 9.30am
18th February	End of term 3
28th February	Start of term 4
11th March	Y4 Amethyst Class assembly, 9.30am
18th March	Y4 Topaz Class assembly, 9.30am
25th March	Y4 Diamond Class assembly, 9.30am
8th April	End of term 4
25th April	Start of term 5
27th - 29th April	Y4 Residential, Croft Farm
20th May	YR Yellow Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	YR Blue Class assembly, 9.30am
27th May	End of term 5
6th June	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils
7th June	Start of term 6
17th June	Y1 Purple Class assembly, 9.30am
24th June	Y1 Green Class assembly, 9.30am
1st July	Y1 Orange Class assembly, 9.30am
20th July	End of term (22nd July is in lieu of Bank Holiday - Queen's Jubilee)
21st July	INSET DAY, school closed to pupils

Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school office, before 9am, stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

01452 527689

Medical Appointments

We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended at times offered, however, **we ask that routine Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.**

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Virtual Parents Consultations

Tuesday 19th October 2021
3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 20th October 2021
3.30-6.30pm

www.caltonprimary.co.uk

Booking is now open and closes at 3pm on Tues 19th Oct

You will be need to book your Parents Evening slot on eSchools. Log in to eSchools from the home page of the school website www.caltonprimary.co.uk

The consultations will be delivered through Microsoft Teams and a link to access your Parents Consultation slot will be published on your child's Class page on eSchools.

The Parent Consultation slots are 10 minutes long and timings will be strictly adhered to.

You must be waiting in the virtual lobby area ready at your appointment time.

On the day of your appointment, please click on the link a couple of minutes before your appointment time. The link will take you to a waiting area on Microsoft Teams. Please make sure you use your child's name so that the Teacher can easily identify you and admit you into the meeting.

You will be asked to confirm your child's name at the start of the appointment.

If you need support in accessing your eSchools page and booking a slot, the office will be happy to provide assistance on 01452 527689



Weekly coffee mornings at Calton - every Tuesday morning

9am -10.30am , drop children off and then go straight to Onyx.

All parents / carers welcome. Toddlers and babies welcome

A chance to meet other parents, enjoy coffee and biscuits and each other's company. Lead by Mrs Stella Smithson.



PE Kit Years 3 - 6

From w/c 4th October we are asking that children in KS2 – (Years 3-6) come already changed in their PE kit on their PE days. Your child's class PE day can be found on their eSchools page. We have made this decision so we can focus on the children enjoying a longer, active PE lesson.

Open Mornings for Sept 2022 intake

Reception Intake Meetings

Calton Primary School warmly invite prospective parents (Sept 2022 intake) to attend one of the following:

Monday 8th November 10 - 11am

Wednesday 10th November 2 - 3pm

Tuesday 16th November 10 - 11am

No need to book, just turn up!

We look forward to meeting you in November

Playgroup Times

Artists at work and exploring our emotions in the book corner



Safe Collection of Pupils from School

Our children's safety is of paramount importance to us all. The end of the school day is a busy time, and our aim is to ensure children are dismissed carefully, under strict supervision, collected on time and arrive home safely.

Staff will release children at the end of the school day from their respective doors to a responsible person that is known to school.

If, as a parent or carer of a child at Calton Primary School, you make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected by another person, it is important that you contact the school office and inform the staff of these arrangements. The authorised person must be a responsible individual aged 16 years or over.

A password will be asked to be provided which the person collecting must also have in order to say to the member of staff releasing the child/ren from school.

Children will not be released to any person that is unknown to school or to another parent unless the school office has been notified in advance.

Any unknown person collecting children will be challenged by staff and permissions checked with the parent/carer. We will also check that children are happy to be handed over to these individuals and that they are known to them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Extract from the Calton Primary School Attendance Policy